Constituting the India Reserved Battalion

† 3042. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North-Eastern States have also demanded for the formation of India Reserve Battalion;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a demand has also been made to accommodate local people in this battalion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government on the formation of India Reserve Battalion and by when a final decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The demands have been received from North Eastern States for more India Reserve Battalions. The Government of India sanctions IR Bns considering overall requirements of State Governments. There is no bar on recruitment of local people in the IR Bns.

Loss due to floods in H.P.

3043. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parts of Himachal Pradesh were flooded recently following increase in the level of water in the Parechu river;

(b) if so, the extent of losses caused by these floods and the steps taken to help the State; and

(c) what is the current status of the Parechu river?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Some parts of the State of Himachal Pradesh were affected by flash floods caused due to heavy rains and breaches in the artificial lake formed by landslides on the river Parechu.

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